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09/526,547

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Art Unit

3731

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on April 15, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. Miscellaneous

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b. Other _____

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In re the Application of

Inventors: Jose FEDIDA Group Art Unit 3738

Appln. No.: 09/526,547 Examiner B. BUI

Filed: March 16, 2000

For: STRUCTURE OF A PROSTHESIS INTENDED TO BE IMPLANTED
IN A HUMAN OR ANIMAL PASSAGE AND PROSTHESIS WITH
SUCH A STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Concurrently with filing of a Request for Continued
Examination, the Applicant respectfully requests further amendment
of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--17. The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
linking means link together the two adjacent annular units to form
a plurality of closed sections oriented approximately parallel to
a longitudinal axis of the prosthesis structure.--

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